



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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February 21, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Jesus”

By Elmo Mercer

Call to Worship (*Psalms 25*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**People: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the Lord
are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*Hymn # 502

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash us

clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 3:18-22

Anthem

“Behold the Lamb”

By Dottie Rambo – Arr. Sheldon Curry

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Westminster Confession of Faith)

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God, doth often-times leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

*Hymn # 440

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*

*Hymn # 504

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Benediction

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Eli and Brylea Borbonus; Streaming, Mark Borbonus.

GRANNIES will meet Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE will review the financial accounts of the church Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those responsible for overseeing a financial account are asked to have your books at the church Tuesday evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety measures are followed while we meet. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will gather in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to work on personal projects and fellowship. All are invited.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was written by folks from the community. Daily reflections began Ash Wednesday and will conclude Easter Day. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

ZOOM CLASSES for Mandated Reporter Training offered by the presbytery are available. The dates and times available include Monday, February 22 (evening), Thursday, February 25 (afternoon), and Saturday, February 27 (morning). Please go to <https://rsvp.church/r/loD4y2ui> to register. Additional dates and times may be established based on need. Please register early so that workbooks may be mailed out prior to the class.

COATS FOR KIDS continue to be available to children in need. Please contact Janet Smith should you become aware of a need. Last year, 36 coats were distributed to children in the community. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the coat program.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2021

Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider becoming an active participant. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings – Co-chairs, Doug Clayton and Gene Artman

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries – Chair, Gene Artman

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education – Chair, Mary Anzelone

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Chair, Rick Shoemaker

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care – Chair, Kim McKinney

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory – Co-chairs, Pat Swope and Bob Cosharek

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Chair, Joan Moran

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Co-chairs, Lisa Hainaut and Lon Ferguson

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Audit Committee Financial Review
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, First in my heart,
High King of heaven, My Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, When victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee:
Let it be dear, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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